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## HUMANITY AND ECONOMIC LAW.

**F**URTHER light upon woman's work and wages in our larger factories and stores is promised in a report of investigations made by a number of college women, who, entering into service along with the workers, have learned at first hand of the conditions that prevail among them.

It is announced that among the disclosures to be made are facts establishing the insufficiency of wages to procure women in many instances enough to sustain life in full vigor, no matter how morally or abstemiously the worker lives. Thus it is said that among the saleswomen in our stores are some whose only breakfast is a slice of bread and a glass of water, and whose only lunch is a piece of pie and a cup of coffee or tea.

In the face of such facts stands the economic law that until one has become efficient as a worker the wages must be inefficient. From this is deduced the argument that if a minimum wage be fixed by law, those that cannot earn it will be dismissed from employment and their families deprived of even the little they have been adding to the household economy.

It is a plainly drawn issue between humanity and the iron law of wages, but if humanity persists it will win this fight as it has done others.

## MEDICAL "ETHICS."

**T**HREE Brooklyn physicians of standing, Drs. Thomas Dixon, E. E. Hicks and Le Grand Kerr, have been hailed before the bar of the Kings County Medical Society for trial on charge of violating the ethics of the profession. Dr. Dixon in particular was accused of giving out information calculated to benefit the public. He does not seem repentant, but the others are alive to their sins.

This ethical business has long been the bane of a noble profession. Just as the Inquisition, designed to preserve the purity of religion, led to atrocities without equal in the rich record of human savagery, so medical ethics have been twisted to repel advance in science, to protect incompetents and to embarrass the household in its rights to the free employment of whom it pleases in the precious work of alleviating illness and preserving life.

The record welcome accorded Dr. Friedmann by the County Medical Society need not be cited in point. The criticisms of Dr. Flexner will do as a complete enough example.

Hippocrates and Galen would be ashamed by the antics of those organized bodies of physicians, too often more intent upon protecting their pocketbooks and hiding blunders than upon the preservation of the true ethics of medicine—mercy, kindness, promptness and reasonable fees.

## PAYING AS WE GO.

**T**HE paternalism of large corporations toward their employees continues to develop in new directions and furnish new proofs of tender regard. In addition to model dwellings and schools and pensions and compulsory thrift, it has of late undertaken to supervise recreation and even marriage. The latest development is reported from Philadelphia, where a large firm employing 700 men has offered to give each one of them 15 cents every time he takes a bath, provided he does not exceed one a day. To give the plan an economic standing, it is called "Cheap Insurance Against Disease." It is to be added, the company furnishes the bathing plant with soap and towels.

The plan is not whimsical. It accords with proposals in many localities to pay children for going to school. In ancient Athens citizens received pay for going to the theatre. We may some day pay citizens to vote as well as to bathe; we may even offer a premium for marriage and bounties for babies.

## HONEST MISTAKES.

**C**ONFRONTED by evidence that the visits of Sweeney to Hartigan in the Tombs had not been recorded as required by law, those charged with responsibility for keeping the record plead that the omission was an "honest mistake."

It is unfortunate that so many similar mistakes or blunders or omissions or neglects have taken place since the beginning of the search for the mysteries that lay behind the shooting of Rosenthal and made it not only possible but inevitable. It is also unfortunate that all of them have had the luck and chance to be on one side and to tend toward hampering investigation.

To confront these varied misfortunes, there is but one good fortune—that of having a District Attorney who will not trust too credulously to an honesty so lacking in impartiality, but will make inquiry.

## Letters From the People

**At Compound Interest.**

In reply to "Joe M." I wish to state that in the *Stokes* illustration, No. 11 at 4 per cent. in 15 years will amount to \$1,000. Multiply this by 100 and the result is \$100,000 which is the exact amount of \$100 at four per cent. for fifteen years, compound interest.

**In the Newspaper Directory.**

Where can I find a list of Indian newspapers? E. M. Such a list may be found in a newspaper directory, at any public library.

**A Tempest in a Teapot.**

This New York of yours is a queer city. It is wonderful in some ways and hopeless in others. I do not refer only to its wretched transit facilities when I say "hopeless." I refer to the fact that it is necessary for every one to get excited over rules that do not affect one per cent. of the total population. I refer to the Gaynor order not to serve drinks in cabarets after 1 A. M. To hear people talk of this rule, one might

think it a national calamity, whereas it does not affect one New Yorker in a hundred. There are perhaps 4,000,000 people in New York. One per cent. of that number is 40,000. Do you think that 40,000 New Yorkers ever drink in cabarets after 1 A. M. Not on your life. Nor half that number. All the cabarets in town wouldn't hold them. A tempest in a teapot. That's what it is.

**What is a Moderate Smoker?**  
 To the Editor of the Evening World:  
 One often hears the phrase, "a moderate smoker." Readers, what is moderate smoking? Do three cigars and say, seven cigarettes a day constitute moderate smoking? That is my limit. I think if some doctors would answer, it might be of profit to thousands.

**Marriage License.**  
 To the Editor of the Evening World:  
 In what State is a marriage license required?  
 A marriage license is required in all States and Territories except South Carolina, New Mexico and Alaska.

## Can You Beat It?

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By Maurice Ketten



## The Jarr Family

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**Pay Station Conduct.**  
 THE pay station MAY be a blessing in disguise—if so, the disguise is complete; for there is nothing, short of having one's hat blown off, that is guaranteed to churn up a six-cylinder choler as quickly as a pay station party with the perfect peach who pushes the plugs!

In passing let us also stop to observe that it is truly remarkable to find that with a lead of chicken feed, lefty enough to impede natural progress one may search in vain for THE nickel necessary to purchase unassisted converse with the central operator.

The pay station Payche must be approached with humility of soul. Aggressiveness may have gained no end of worthy things in life, but it has never yet gotten a desired telephone number!

The wise man will join the blood-thirsty crowd around the switchboard and look on with childish interest while others will their collars and their vocabularies in aimless argument. Gradually he will edge his way to the wood partition and very unobtrusively murmur his number.

**Sam Loyd's Puzzles.**  
 It may be the musical quality of his voice, or the completeness of his self-assertion, but whatever it is, it works. The naughty eyes are raised to his and a repetition of the number requested.

This will immediately cause insurrection in the ranks, with many murmurs of: "The idea!" "Well, my goodness, I've been standing here fifteen minutes!"

But with an "I swallowed-the-canary" snicker he must relinquish his place at the starting post and stand gracefully poised on one foot ready to flee to the booth she shall designate. It'll be a long pose, brother, but stick to it!

As the weary minutes pass he must not click his tongue against the roof of his mouth in audible antipathy or pull for \$100 through the window and said: "Give me some one dollar bills, ten times as many twos and the balance in fives!" Just what bills was the teller obliged to pass out?

**Answer to Clothing Problem.**—He bought 30 coats at \$2.45, 32 pants at 98 cents and 14 vests at 49 cents, so his check contained 10 complete suits, with additional pants and vests.

## The Jarrs Witness a Tragic Effort To Make Children Blithe and Gay

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to its coyness, in dread fear of the party "hanging up on him!"

Right here comes the test of his disposition. He discovers that in the booth head-on is a man who is evidently doing his best to prevent suicide at the other end of the line (if the booth, penetrating note of terror in his voice means anything), and that in the booth directly behind lurks a follow-the-ambulance, near-American lawyer, who is trying to explain to a Persian client just why he should sue for fifty thousand instead of five, with numerous interpolations by a party of the third part, who rolls open the door to deliver "em and then slams it shut after the delivery!

But a would-be gallant must not kick the partitions between; he must not open the door, stick his head out, and inform the world at large that he has discovered a new way to commit murder. He should fasten his eyes on the bit of framed sunshine that hangs before him—something about "the voice with a smile," etc.—and wait.

And then, when above the turmoil, comes a faint sound from the wire he's holding, he hasn't got the right number after all. How could he expect to get it the very first time—the idea?

So he must put the wet blanket of judgment on the flames of impulse and in cadence rhythm, move the hook up and down. And this is what he says, with rising inflection, because it's always soothing except at the end of a sentence:

"So sorry to trouble you again, don't you know, but by mistake you got me the wrong number—Oh, yes, indeed, it may have been my mistake. But I want you to deliver 'em and then slams it shut after the delivery!

And he gets it to find that his girl has JUST gone out—just TWO minutes ago. Gone out while the lawyer was telling the Persian how to make the suit he had on in the accident look like a bruised article!

Then he crawls from his cranny, his face obscured by honest sweat, his arm paralyzed at the elbow and his neck broken from its moorings—but still unperturbed.

He advances, nickel in hand, to pay for his period of torture. And behold, Necessity squints a belladonna-eyed eye at the time clock and purrs:

"Let me see. To—oh, there's four cents on that boy's coin!"

## The Stories of Famous Novels

By Albert Payson Terhune

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**No. 4.—IVANHOE; by Sir Walter Scott.**  
**W**ILFRED OF IVANHOE had quarrelled with his stubborn old father, Cedric the Saxon, had been disinherited by him and had gone forth to the Crusades in the train of the giant King Richard the Lion Hearted.

At the war's end Ivanhoe returned secretly to England and visited his father's hall for a word with his sweetheart, Rowena, Cedric's ward. Thence, still in disguise, he went to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where a grand tournament was beginning. It was not very long since the Normans had conquered Saxon England. And Norman and Saxon were still bitter rivals. Saxon Ivanhoe won golden laurels at the tournament. Brian de Bois-Guilbert, Front de Boeuf and other redoubtable Norman champions were overthrown before his lance. Rowena, as "Queen of Love and Beauty," crowned him victor of the tournament. Then he vanished. For he was sore wounded and he dreaded to stay near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, lest his identity become known.

King Richard, on his way from the Crusades, had been captured and thrown into an Austrian prison. The King's younger brother, Prince John, ruled—or rather, misruled—England as Regent and did all he could to keep Richard in prison. But at the tournament word reached John: "The Devil is loose!" and he knew Richard was returning home to demand an accounting.

And Ivanhoe had shown much kindness to rich old Isaac, the Jew, and to his beautiful daughter Rebecca. In the girl's heart an all-encompassing love for him had awakened. She and Isaac bore the wounded young knight toward their own home in York to nurse him back to health.

On the way the whole party was kidnapped by a band of knights and was carried off to the castle of Front de Boeuf. One of the kidnappers, Bois-Guilbert, loved Rebecca. Front de Boeuf craved the wealth of Isaac.

Front de Boeuf was just putting Isaac to the torture to make the old man give up his fortune when a bugle sounded at the gate. A swarm of men were assaulting the castle. Their leader was a

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